



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

OIKAWA et al.

Confirmation No.: 3457

Appln. No.: 09/808,427

Group Art Unit: 1773

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Examiner: N. UHLIR

Title: PERPENDICULAR MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Species Election Requirement set forth in the Official Action dated November 1, 2002, Applicant hereby selects:

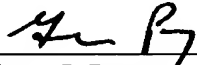
- (1) Ti as the main component of the first underlayer, and N and Cr as auxiliary components thereof.
- (2) Ru as the main component of the second underlayer.
- (3) Co as the main component of the magnetic recording layer, and Cr and Pt as the auxiliary components thereof.

Claims 24-31 and 37-39 read on the elected Species.

An Action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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